

which is readily and cheaply performed, would render the most delicate carvings in this stone impervious to smoke, and quite, if not more durable, than ordinary sandstone, and at much less cost.

The only uses to which this stone is applied are, the moderately porous portions for water-filters, and the friable parts for mixing with night-soil to be used as manure.

A sample which has been exposed to the acid vapours of the laboratory has in a year suffered but little.

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ART. XIV.—*Notes relative to the respective theories, Creation by Law, and Creation by Fact.* By MR. THOMAS HARRISON.

[Read 10th August, 1868.]

Mr. Harrison in this paper sought to reconcile the various theories, (both religious and scientific) propounded as to the origin of man. Without absolutely agreeing with the doctrines of Lamerk, the Vestiges and Darwin, Mr. Harrison engrafts their views upon certain ideas of his own, best defined in the following sentence quoted from his paper, which trenches too much upon theological subjects to be printed in the Transactions.

“So far from shutting God out of his own creation, as the “pure development theory seems to do, the present view “represents him as continually superintending it.”

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ART. XV.—*Further Observations on Snake-Poisoning.* By GEORGE B. HALFORD, M.D., Professor of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology in the University of Melbourne.

[Read 27th August, 1868.]

In former papers communicated to this Society I have dwelt particularly on the vast numbers of white cells seen in the blood after death from snake-poison. Subsequent and repeated observation have confirmed my original description equally of the growth, size, and maculated condition under the influence of magenta of these bodies; but lately my friend Mr. Ralph, surgeon of Kew, near Melbourne, has discovered a nearly similar condition of blood in animals poisoned by prussic acid. I have confirmed his observations, and most probably such bodies will be found and arise wherever after death coagulation of the blood does not take